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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions I, II and IV recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/47/719, para. 35)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jorge OSELLA (Argentina)

1. At its 49th meeting, on 18 December 1992, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/47/81) on the programme budget implications of the draft resolutions entitled "Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa" (A/C.2/47/L.46), "Convening of a global conference on the sustainable development of small island developing States" (A/C.2/47/L.47, as orally revised) and "Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" (A/C.2/47/L.61, as orally revised) recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 35 of its report (A/47/719). A statement on behalf of the Committee on Conferences was made by its Chairman. The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/47/SR.49).

3. Statements in explanation of position after the decision were made by the representatives of Algeria and Tunisia.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolutions I, II and IV recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 35 of its report (A/47/719), an additional appropriation in the amount of $779,300 would be required for the first three months of 1993, including $331,800 under section 11 G (International Convention to Combat Desertification), $418,300 under section 11 H (Arrangements for servicing the Commission on Sustainable Development and for the preparation of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States), and $29,200 under section 31 (Public information), as well as an additional amount of $84,000 for staff assessment under section 36 (Staff assessment), to be offset by the same amount of income under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment), of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The totality of requirements, which would be subject to the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, would be reviewed in the context of the revised estimates for 1992-1993 to be submitted to the Assembly at its resumed forty-seventh session.